

**441—60.6(217) Students in institutions of higher education.** A refugee who is a full-time student in an institution of higher education (other than a correspondence school) is ineligible for assistance with two exceptions:

1. The refugee is in a program approved as part of an individual employability plan, as defined in subrule 60.9(3).
2. The refugee is in a program solely in English as a second language.

**60.6(1) Institution of higher education.** An institution of higher education is defined as an educational institution which provides an education program as specified below:

*a.* A public or private nonprofit institution of higher education is an educational institution which provides an educational program for which it awards an associate, baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree; or at least a two-year program which is acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate degree; or at least a one-year training program which leads to a certificate or degree and prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

*b.* A proprietary institution of higher education is an educational institution which provides at least a six-month program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

*c.* A postsecondary vocational institution is a public or private nonprofit educational institution which provides at least a six-month program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

**60.6(2) Full-time student.** A full-time student is a student who is carrying a full-time academic workload which equals or exceeds the following:

*a.* Twelve semester or 12 quarter hours per academic term in those institutions using standard semester, trimester, or quarter-hour systems.

*b.* Twenty-four semester hours or 36 quarter hours per academic year for institutions using credit hours to measure progress, but not using semester, trimester, or quarter systems, or the prorated equivalent for programs of less than one academic year.

*c.* Twenty-four clock hours per week for institutions using clock hours.

*d.* A series of courses or seminars which equals 12 semester hours or 12 quarter hours in a maximum of 18 weeks.

*e.* The work portion of a cooperative education program in which the amount of work performed is equivalent to the academic workload of a full-time student.